

REMARKS

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action, dated May 5, 2005, in which the Examiner indicated that the amendment filed on September 15, 2004 was non-compliant under 37 CFR 1.121. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Assignee has now submitted a complete listing of all of the claims, including a proper status identifier for each claim and markings to show changes relative to the previous version of the claims.

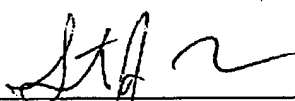
It is noted that claim 1 has been amended; however, this amendment is made to clarify the claims and does not narrow the scope of the claims. Therefore, it is asserted that no prosecution history estoppel should result from this amendment.

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract for not being presented in a single paragraph. Assignee has amended the Abstract, as shown above, to comply with the Examiners request. It is noted that this amendment does not affect the scope of the claims in any way or result in any prosecution history estoppel. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw this objection to the Abstract.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, and/or the arguments presented in the Office Action Response filed on September 15, 2004, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439.6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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